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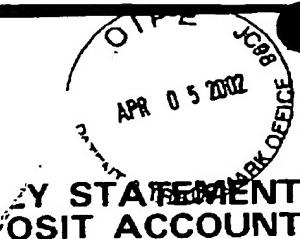
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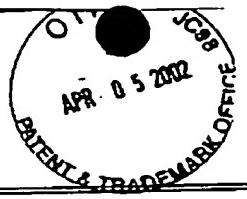
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APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: Toshihide HAMAGUCHI and Hirokazu GENNO		
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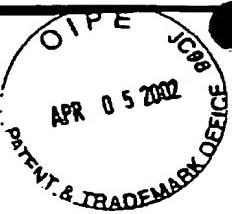
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In re application of: Toshihide HAMAGUCHI et al.

Serial Number: Not Yet Assigned
(PCT/JP98/06014)

Filed: July 6, 2000

For: NOTIFYING DEVICE AND WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM
INCORPORATING SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

July 6, 2000

Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the filing fees of the above application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 8, line 1, delete "signal preparing circuit prepares a";
line 2, change "varying in" to read --has a--, after "frequency" insert --which varies--,
delete "predetermined"; and
lines 3 and 4, delete "feeds the drive signal to the vibrator" to read --matches the resonance frequency during variation--.

Page 11, line 6, delete "predetermined".

Page 23, line 21, after "signal" change "preparing" to --processing--.

Page 27, line 8, change "variation" to --frequency--.

Page 28, line 18, change "variation" to --modulation--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1. (Amended) A notifying device comprising a vibrator to be resonated by a drive signal fed thereto, and a signal preparing circuit for feeding the drive signal to the vibrator at the time of notifying operation, the notifying device being characterized in that the [signal preparing circuit prepares a] drive signal [varying in] has a frequency which varies within a [predetermined] range including the resonance frequency of the vibrator and [feeds the drive signal to the vibrator] matches the resonance frequency during the variation.

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2".

Claim 4, lines 1 and 2, change "any one of claims 1 to 3" to read --claim 1--.

Claim 7, lines 1 and 2, change "any one of claims 1 to 6" to read --claim 1--.

Claim 8, lines 1 and 2, change "any one of claims 1 to 7" to read --claim 1--.

Claim 9, lines 1 and 2, change "any one of claims 1 to 8" to read --claim 1--.

Claim 10. (Amended) A wireless communications system comprising a notifying device for notifying the user of incoming calls, the notifying device comprising a vibrator to be resonated by a drive signal fed thereto, and a signal preparing circuit for feeding the drive signal to the vibrator at the time of notifying operation, the wireless communication system being characterized in that the signal [preparing circuit prepares a] drive signal [varying in] has a frequency which varies within a

[predetermined] range including the resonance frequency of the vibrator and [seeds the drive signal to the vibrator] matches the resonance frequency during the variation.

Claim 11, line 15, delete "determined".

Claim 14, lines 1 and 2, change "any one of claims 11 to 13" to read --claim 11--.

Claim 15, lines 1 and 2, change "any one of claims 11 to 14" to read --claim 11--.

Claim 16, lines 1 and 2, change "any one of claims 11 to 15" to read --claim 11--.

Claim 17, lines 1 and 2, change "any one of claims 11 to 16" to read --claim 11--.

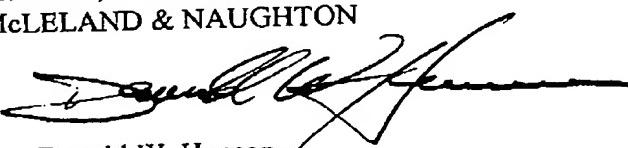
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The above proposed amendments is believed to correct typographical errors in the specification, remove the multiple dependency of the claims and placed the application in the same condition which have been amended in the international application PCT/JP98/06014. Early and favorable action is awaited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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FIG. 12 shows vibration characteristics a in a solid line as varied by dimensional tolerances, etc. to vibration characteristics b, c in a broken line, respectively. If a vibrator having the vibration characteristics b involving a variation is driven at the resonance frequency of the vibration characteristics a with no variation, no resonance occurs, and the amplitude of the vibrator will greatly decrease from a peak value W_p at the resonance point to a value W' . Thus in the case where the notifying unit is driven with a drive signal of given frequency without considering the variation of the resonance frequency, there arises the problem that variations occur also in the amplitude of the vibrator, failing to produce a satisfactory notifying effect.

Further portable telephones in recent years can be set in various operation modes, for example, to display the telephone number of the caller upon receiving an incoming call or to serve as a pager. In conformity with such a wider variety of operational functions, there arises a need for the notifying unit to give notification not only of incoming calls but also of the various modes in which the telephone is set.

Accordingly, a first object of the present invention is to provide a notifying device which produces

satisfactory notifying effects despite the variation in resonance frequency, and a wireless communications system incorporating the device.

A second object of the invention is to provide a
5 wireless communications system comprising a notifying device adapted for different kinds of notifying operations including notification of incoming calls to give satisfactory notifying effects despite the variation in resonance frequency.

10 10 DISCLOSURE OF THE INVENTION

To fulfill the first object, the present invention provides a notifying device comprising a vibrator to be resonated by a drive signal fed thereto, and a signal preparing circuit for feeding the drive signal to the 15 vibrator, the notifying device being characterized in that the drive signal has a frequency which varies within a range including the resonance frequency of the vibrator and matches the resonance frequency during the variation.

Even if the vibrator has a resonance frequency 20 involving a variation due to dimensional tolerances, etc. of the vibrator, the drive signal repeatedly varies in frequency within the predetermined range, so that resonance occurs to give a great amplitude when the frequency of the drive signal matches the true resonance

frequency during the variation. When the frequency of the drive signal thereafter becomes different from the true resonance frequency, the vibrator undergoes no resonance and exhibits a diminished amplitude, whereas the amplitude increases when the signal frequency matches the true resonance frequency again. In this way, the amplitude of the vibrator repeatedly increases to the amplitude of resonance as a peak and decreases therefrom as the frequency of the drive signal varies.

With the notifying device and the wireless communications system incorporating the device according to the invention, periodic or nonperiodic occurrence of resonance repeatedly increases the amplitude of the 5 vibrator to the amplitude of resonance as a peak and decreases the amplitude from the peak, affording effective notification which is audible or perceivable by the human body.

To fulfill the second object, the present invention 10 provides a wireless communications system which has incorporated therein a notifying device for performing different kinds of notifying operations including notification of incoming calls, the notifying device comprising a vibrator to be resonated by a drive signal fed thereto, and a drive signal feed circuit for feeding the drive signal to the vibrator. The drive signal feed circuit comprises command signal preparing means for preparing notification command signals which are different for different contents of notification in conformity with 15 the content, and drive signal preparing means operative in response to the notification command signal to prepare a drive signal which varies in frequency within a range including the resonance frequency of the vibrator and which differs in the state of variation for the different 20

notification command signals and to feed the drive signal to the vibrator.

Even if the vibrator has a resonance frequency involving a variation due to dimensional tolerances, etc. 5 of the vibrator, the drive signal repeatedly varies in frequency within the predetermined range, so that resonance occurs to give a great amplitude when the frequency of the drive signal matches the true resonance frequency during the variation. When the frequency of the 10 drive signal thereafter becomes different from the true resonance frequency, the vibrator undergoes no resonance and exhibits a diminished amplitude, whereas the amplitude increases when the signal frequency matches the true 15 resonance frequency again. In this way, the amplitude of the vibrator repeatedly increases to the amplitude of resonance as a peak and decreases therefrom as the frequency of the drive signal varies.

Further in response to an incoming call or in accordance with other operation of the system, a specific 20 notification command signal is prepared for notifying the use of the operation, and a drive signal is prepared with reference to the command signal for driving the vibrator in a different state of vibration. Upon receiving a usual incoming call, for example, a first drive signal is

prepared wherein the variation of the vibration frequency continues, based on an incoming call notification command signal. Upon receiving an incoming call from a specified caller, on the other hand, a second drive signal is prepared which turns on and off with a predetermined period, based on a caller notification command signal. When the notifying device is driven with the first drive signal, resonance occurs with a predetermined period, whereas when the notifying device is driven with the second drive signal, resonance occurs intermittently periodically. This difference in the mode of vibration enables the user to identify the caller.

What is claimed is:

1. (Amended) A notifying device comprising a vibrator to be resonated by a drive signal fed thereto, and a signal preparing circuit for feeding the drive signal to the vibrator at the time of notifying operation, the notifying device being characterized in that the drive signal has a frequency which varies within a range including the resonance frequency of the vibrator and matches the resonance frequency during the variation.
- 10 2. A notifying device according to claim 1 wherein the variation of the frequency of the drive signal corresponds to a variation in the resonance frequency of the vibrator due to tolerances of specifications on which the resonance frequency is dependent.
- 15 3. A notifying device according to claim 1 or 2 wherein the resonance frequency of the vibrator is a low frequency of up to hundreds of hertz, and the vibration of the vibrator has at the resonance frequency an amplitude generally perceptible by the human body.
- 20 4. A notifying device according to any one of claims 1 to 3 wherein the drive signal has an alternating waveform of rectangular waves or sine waves having a frequency periodically varying at 0.5 to 10 Hz.
5. A notifying device according to claim 4 wherein

the frequency of the drive signal periodically varies at 1.37 to 2.98 Hz.

6. A notifying device according to claim 5 wherein the frequency of the drive signal periodically varies at 5 2.18 Hz.

7. A notifying device according to any one of claims 1 to 6 wherein the frequency of the drive signal varies in the form of triangular waves, sine waves or sawtooth waves having the definite range as the amplitude thereof.

10. 8. A notifying device according to any one of claims 1 to 7 wherein the frequency of the drive signal gradually increases or gradually decreases stepwise within the definite range.

9. A notifying device according to any one of claims 15 1 to 8 wherein the vibrator comprises a casing, a diaphragm having a fixed end on an inner peripheral wall of the casing, a magnet attached to a free end of the diaphragm, and a coil disposed as opposed to the magnet, and the drive signal is fed to the coil.

20. 10. (Amended) A wireless communications system comprising a notifying device for notifying the user of incoming calls, the notifying device comprising a vibrator to be resonated by a drive signal fed thereto, and a signal preparing circuit for feeding the drive signal to

the vibrator at the time of notifying operation, the wireless communications system being characterized in that the drive signal has a frequency which varies within a range including the resonance frequency of the vibrator and matches the resonance frequency during the variation.

- 5 11. A wireless communications system having incorporated therein a notifying device for performing different kinds of notifying operations including notification of incoming calls, the notifying device comprising a vibrator to be resonated by a drive signal fed thereto, and a drive signal feed circuit for feeding the drive signal to the vibrator, the wireless communications system being characterized in that the drive signal feed circuit comprises:
 - 15 command signal preparing means for preparing notification command signals which are different for different contents of notification in conformity with the content, and drive signal preparing means operative in response to the notification command signal to prepare a drive signal which varies in frequency within a range including the resonance frequency of the vibrator and which differs in the state of variation for the different notification command signals and to feed the drive signal to the vibrator.
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12. A wireless communications system according to
claim 11 wherein the drive signal prepared by the drive
signal preparing means varies in frequency continuously in
conformity with the notification command signal or
5 intermittently at a specified period in conformity with
the notification command signal.

13. A wireless communications system according to
claim 11 wherein the drive signal prepared by the drive
signal preparing means varies in frequency at a specified
10 period in conformity with the notification command signal.

14. A wireless communications system according to any
one of claims 11 to 13 wherein the variation of frequency
of the drive signal prepared by the drive signal preparing
means corresponds to a variation in the resonance
15 frequency of the vibrator due to tolerances for
specifications which govern the resonance frequency.

15. A wireless communications system according to any
one of claims 11 to 14 wherein the resonance frequency of
the vibrator is a low frequency of up to hundreds of hertz,
20 and the vibration of the vibrator at the resonance
frequency has an amplitude generally perceivable by the
human body.



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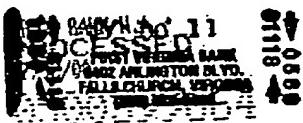
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